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Dear Sirs,

The proposed Microsoft settlement is a poor idea. After reading up on the final proposal, I was surprised and discouraged to find that it is too lenient, contains too many loopholes, and would allow the company to continue to lock-in users rather than allowing choice and competition. It is not without reason that half the states involved in the case are still pushing for heavier penalties.

Do not forget that Microsoft is a repeat offender. A federal district court and an appeals court have both affirmed that Microsoft is a de facto monopoly and that it has abused its monopoly profits and market position to engage in anticompetitive ways even after an earlier antitrust case. Microsoft has clearly shown that comprehensive remedies and strict enforcement are necessary to hold it accountable for and to prevent further unlawful and predatory behavior.